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Embattled Calvary Chapel Cary Closes After Tumultuous Few Months

By Rebecca Hopkins · February 11, 2025 12:30 pm

Calvary Chapel Cary, an embattled North Carolina congregation whose pastor quietly tried to sell the church, abruptly resigned, then returned a month later, has ended...

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Houston-Area Pastor Sentenced to Two Years in Prison for Possessing Child Sex Abuse Material

By Josh Shepherd · January 13, 2025 8:00 pm

The former pastor of a now-shuttered Calvary Chapel congregation in south-central Texas has been sentenced to two years in prison for possessing child sex abuse...

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Calvary Chapel Pastor Reclaims Church After Resigning: 'I'm Ba-ack'

By Rebecca Hopkins · September 24, 2024 6:55 pm

Calvary Chapel Cary (CCC) Pastor Rodney Finch has reclaimed his church, after resigning last month amid controversy and allegations of misconduct. "I'm ba-ack," Finch...

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Embattled Calvary Chapel Pastor Abruptly Resigns Days After Quietly Trying to Sell Church

By Rebecca Hopkins · August 7, 2024 6:25 pm

An embattled Calvary Chapel pastor, who quietly put his church building up for sale last month, resigned abruptly Sunday, after 30 years of pastoring there....

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Houston-Area Pastor Arrested on Child Porn Charges, Removed by Church Board

By Josh Shepherd · May 13, 2024 6:15 pm

The longtime pastor of a Calvary Chapel congregation in south-central Texas has been arrested on child pornography-related charges and removed from his pastoral role by...

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Former Calvary Chapel Pastor in Virginia Pleads Guilty to Child Sex Abuse

By Sarah Einselen · September 1, 2022 3:40 pm

A former Calvary Chapel pastor and speaker is serving jail time in Virginia on multiple charges related to child sexual abuse, records obtained by The...

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Opinion: Christian Boot Camps Put Students in Danger, Says Marine

By Jay Mallow · August 25, 2022 12:30 pm

Rebecca Hopkins' article detailing the existence and abuses of Calvary Chapel South Bay Pastor Chet Lowe's "boot camps" was sadly not too surprising to me....

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Calvary Chapel Pastor Runs Persecution-Themed Boot Camp With ‘Simulated Torture,’ Former Students Say

By Rebecca Hopkins · August 18, 2022 4:15 pm

Influential and up-and-coming Calvary Chapel pastor, Chet Lowe, runs a Christian boot camp in southern California that simulated torture as a part of its discipleship...

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Wisconsin Pastor Arrested for Attempted Solicitation of Minor in Sting Operation

By Josh Shepherd · August 4, 2022 4:30 pm

The lead pastor of an evangelical church in northwest Wisconsin has been arrested in a solicitation of minors sting operation conducted by state and local...

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Opinion: Who Can Fire the Pastor?

By Barry Bowen · July 11, 2022 12:45 pm

Who can fire the pastor? It's a key question to ask when investigating the power structure of churches and ministries as a growing number of pastors...

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Maranatha Chapel to Honor Pastor Ray Bentley, Who Died from COVID-19 Complications

By Alejandra Molina · January 7, 2022 3:55 pm

Maranatha Chapel in San Diego is holding special services this weekend to honor senior pastor Ray Bentley, who died from complications of COVID-19, the church...

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Wife of Calvary Chapel Pastor Benefitted From Britney Spears' Estate—Church Got Money Too

By Sarah Einselen · December 23, 2021 11:21 am

Entertainment manager Louise "Lou" Taylor, wife of Calvary Chapel Brentwood Senior Pastor Rob Taylor, may be best known for her former business arrangement managing Britney...

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Despite Many Reports of Lying, Bullying & Blacklisting, Calvary Megachurch Pastor Remains

By Rebecca Hopkins · December 21, 2021 11:23 am

Former staff, deacons, and members of a 2,000-member Texas megachurch associated with the Calvary Chapel movement are accusing the senior pastor there of lies, bullying,...

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Calvary Chapel Pastor Remains Despite Reports of Addiction, Abuse & Financial Misconduct

By Rebecca Hopkins · November 23, 2021 2:15 pm

For years, former members and staff at Calvary Chapel Cary have complained about their pastor's alleged drug addiction, bullying, and misuse of funds to the...

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James MacDonald Announces Return to Pulpit with 8-Part Series at Calvary Chapel South Bay

By Julie Roys · March 16, 2020 4:37 pm

Disgraced Pastor James MacDonald last night announced that he'll be returning to the pulpit on March 22 with an 8-part series at Calvary Chapel South...

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